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For. **METHOD OF PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

A copy of the Japanese Office Action dated August 25, 2009, citing these documents, is also enclosed herewith. An English Abstract of JP 8-227980 and Document 3 cited in the Japanese Office Action were made of record in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 22, 2005.

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